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Dear Neil,

**HEATHROW AIRPORT APPLICATION OF LOCAL RULE A - TEMPORARY CAPACITY  
DECLARATION FOR MAY AND JUNE 2022**

In accordance with Article 6 of the Airports Slot Allocation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and Local Rule A, Heathrow hereby declares temporary scheduling limits for the airport, due to the continued consequences of Covid-19 and in order to operate a safe environment.

We are copying this letter to Nigel Wicking, Chief Executive of the Airline Operators' Committee and Michele Boyce, Secretary of the Heathrow Slot Committee for circulation to airlines as appropriate.

Heathrow is applying a temporary reduction to Terminal (passenger) coordination capacity limits due to the specific impacts of Covid checks and ongoing changes to passenger demographics resulting from the Covid-19 staged recovery, and request ACL to implement these for schedule coordination in line with the Local Rule A process.

The impacts of Covid-19 on the aviation industry over the last year have been wide-ranging and unprecedented, not only through a dramatic effect on passenger demand but the operation of the airport as well and our effective capacity. Over the last two years the significant reduction in passenger demand, combined with slot alleviation, has meant little requirement for capacity coordination on a day-to-day basis.

Over the Easter period Heathrow had to deploy contingencies to avoid safety events and overcrowding in the terminals with contingencies including access control/call forward required to ensure the safe management of passengers queueing in landside areas. The current S22 scheduling limits do not reflect Covid-19 impacts – and the ability of our terminals to process passengers in line with current check-in processes - and allows for a substantial increase in demand above the level we can safely manage. While the Covid-19 impacts to processing times in check-in remain, the schedule needs to be coordinated to a level reflective of the current operational capacity to ensure a continued safe operation and mitigate risk of uncontrolled demand increases leading to dangerous levels of congestion or crowding levels.

The measures introduced at Easter will not be sufficient to permit a safe operation over the summer and without a reduction in demand the operation would not be considered safe.

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As such we have reviewed the capacity for processes most affected by temporary Covid-19 impacts and changes in passenger demographics, in particular Covid-19 entry requirements at check-in, and a higher proportion of direct passengers.

Below are the temporary scheduling limits for application until **03 July 2022** (inclusive). We appreciate that application of limit changes within a season takes some time to implement, so are happy to discuss and agree a grace period of up to two weeks to allow proper co-ordination while implemented (until no later than 15 May 2022). We will review any need for an extension of this temporary declaration, or the extent to which capacity has been recovered at the end of May.

#### Heathrow Terminal Scheduling Limits Summer 2022: Temporary Capacity Limit for Local Rule A

Terminal	D	Constraint	Co-ordination Limit	Temporary Limit
T2	D	Combined 1 Hour	3500	2450/hr for 0500 & 0600 hrs 2450/hr for 2000 & 2100 hrs
	D	Combined 3 Hour	8550	7250
T3	D	International 1 Hour	3700	2960 for 0500 & 0600 (incl) 2960 for 2000 & 2100 (incl)
T5	D	Combined 1 Hour	5000	3800/hr from 0500 -1800 (incl) 3200/hr for 1900, 2000 & 2100

Temporary limits are declared against T60/T180 limits for the purpose of providing new co-ordination limits. Limits to be applied across every day of the week. No change to load factors declared for the purposes of co-ordination. For this implementation of Local Rule A, temporary limits only apply to Departures limits as specified. All other declared limits (including Arrivals) remain as previously declared.

Further information to support the implementation of these changes is attached as an appendix to this letter.

We thank ACL for working with Heathrow on schedule management through the unprecedented last 2 years, and for working with us to agree the in-season temporary change to the airport's capacity for May and June 2022 to support the system designed to protect the airport's ability to maintain a safe operation.

Yours sincerely,



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